

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 11 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2 illustrates that inner member **12** is also preferably equipped with one or more receptacles **24** and **26** or other locking means so that restricting devices can be attached to the inner member in order to lock the inner member into one or more positions. For example, FIG. 2 illustrates receptacles **24** and **26** as being holes, located, for example, on a side surface of the inner member **12** through which a pin may be passed. The diameter of the pin is preferably slightly larger than the diameter of the hole so that the pin requires some amount of force to be inserted into the hole and does not fall out of the hole without force being applied. When inner member **12** is passed through outer member **16**, pins may be then inserted into the receptacles **24** and/or **26** to prevent the handle from extending or retracting past the position of the pin. Optionally, outer member **16** may be equipped with a sleeve or collar **34** such as is illustrated in FIG. 4. Sleeve **34** includes one or more notches or grooves **30** and **32** designed to receive the pins and hold the inner member and outer member in place relative to each other without expansion or retraction during operation of the handle. Other locking mechanisms, such as grooves or notches instead of receptacles, or entirely different devices such as latches, hooks, or clips, may also be used to restrict extension and/or retraction of the handle.
